

Preservation of the Mental Powers.

Fatuity from old age cannot be cured; but it may be prevented by employing the mind constantly in reading and conversation, in the evening of life. Dr. Johnson ascribes the fatuity of Dean Swift to two causes:—First, a resolution he made in his youth that he would never wear spectacles; from the want of which he was unable to read in the decline of life; and second, to his avarice, which led him to abscond from visitors, to deny himself company, by which means he deprived himself of the only two methods by which new ideas are acquired or old ones renovated. His mind, from these causes, languished from the want of exercise, and gradually collapsed into idiocy, in which state he spent the close of his life in a hospital, founded by himself, for persons afflicted with the same disorder, which he finally died.

Country people, when they have no relish for books, when they lose the ability to work, to go abroad, from age or weakness, are very apt to become fatigued; especially as they are too often deserted in their old age by the younger branches of the families in consequence of which, their minds become torpid from the want of society and conversation. Fatuity is more rare in cities than in country places, only because society and conversation can be had in them on more easy terms; and it is less common among women than men, only because they seldom survive their ability to work; and because their employments are carried on such a nature as to admit their being carried on by their friends and in a sedentary posture.

The illustrious Dr. Franklin, exhibited a striking instance of the influence of reading, writing and conversation, in prolonging a sound and active state of all the faculties of his mind. In his eighty-fourth year he discovered no one mark in any of them, of weakness or decay, usually observed in the minds of persons at that advanced period of life.—*Dr. Hush.*

GLEANINGS.

The body of John Avery, the unfortunate man who last took the awful plunge over the great cataraet, has been found near the suspension bridge, much disfigured.

In lieu of attaching the pig-tail queue 'Eq.' to men's names now, the words 'S. P.' are substituted, which signify 'Some Pumpkins.' We consider this an improvement, as well as a new fashion.

The potato rot is reported to have made its appearance in Moraghan, Derry, Galway and other localities in Ireland. The report, however, needs confirmation, and it is supposed was set afloat for speculative purposes.

The most trying situation that a whaler's crew can be placed in is not when they are capturing a whale, but just after they have "cut in" a hundred barrel Leviathan, and are trying out the oil. Then is the time for blubbering.

The Cincinnati papers are all down upon Dye for his efforts to get into circulation the checks of a Tennessee Coal Company in that city. We think he will fail in his scheme, and we feel certain that he ought to do so.

SCARCITY OF CORN.—The citizens of August, Ga., have called a meeting for the 1st of August, for the purpose of preventing a scarcity of corn, by laying in a general stock, from which all who wish will draw at cost prices.

Judge McCulloch, of Bellefontaine, Logan county, is said to be the first white person born in Zanesville.

Grise and Mario are reported to have said that they will not start for America until \$4,000 (\$20,000) is paid them in advance. Mr. Hackett has gone to Europe; perhaps he will smooth the troubled waters.

Humboldt has written a letter in behalf of the construction of an oceanic canal, without locks, across the Isthmus of Darien, having reference to points on the Gulf of San Miguel and Cupica.

WELLS.—"The last link is broken which bound me to thee," as the prisoner said when he broke his chain.

The Springfield (Mass.) Republican suggests that the printers of the United States contribute their dollar each, to erect a plain, substantial monument to the memory of Franklin.

James Saunders, of Deatur county, Indiana, raised this year on four and a half acres of land, from five bushels of seed sown, 150 bushels of wheat. A good crop.

LOVE AND RELIGION.—A man who truth loves becomes a Protestant; and his conduct at the same time generally undergoes a reformation, especially if he has previously been a rake.

There are seven hundred working tailors or associations in England, the members of which are partners in labor and in profits.

SPARE RIBS.—A Gentleman, objecting to a thin lady, whom he was urged to take as a wife, gave as a reason that he was not found of a spare rib.

My notions of life (says Southey), are much the same as they are about traveling—there is a great deal of amusement on the road, but, after all, one wants to be at rest.

As the people are generally what habit renders them, it is for the young these remarks are meant. The old cannot be cured. If they are shams now, shams they will remain; nothing, alas! can ever make them respectable. But the young have yet their habits to form. Let them take a high standard, and become truly respectable.—*Family Friend.*

A Good Story.

John Bunyan, while in Bedford jail, was called upon by a Quaker, desirous to make a convert of him.

"Friend John," said he, I came to thee with a message from the Lord; and having searched for thee, in all the prisons in England, I am glad to have found thee at last.

"If the Lord has sent you," returned Bunyan, "you need not have taken so much pains to find me out, for the Lord knows I have been here for the last twelve year."

"How are you Smith?" says Jones, Smith pretends not to know him and replied hesitatingly—

"Sir you have the advantage of me."

"Yes, retorts Jones, 'I suppose everybody has that got common sense.'"

Smith looks unhappy.

A young lady who married a rich man under pretence of being beautiful, is discovered to have painted, worn bustles, and otherwise disgusted her natural imperfections. Her husband means to sue her for obtaining money under false pretences.

A man died of apoplexy the other day in Michigan. The next morning the coroner held an inquest, when the following verdict was returned: "Died from a visitation of one beef-steak, eight cold potatoes and a fried pie."

Ignorance is a great substitute for paragon. Show us a blockhead, and we will show you a man who can sleep twelve hours out of a dozen. Before you can make man wakeful you must make them inelligent.

A man in Maine applied for two gallons of rum for 'mechanical purposes.' For what mechanical purposes? inquired the agent. 'For raising a barn,' was the reply.

Dobbs is a strong believer in 'guardian angels.' If it were not for them, he asked, would keep people from roll out of bed when they are asleep?

Masons in Virginia.—At the recent annual convention of the Lodge of Free Masons, held in Richmond, there are in Virginia 120 lodges and 9,019 members.

The Virginia Corn Crop.—The Richmond Enquirer says the corn problem is pretty well solved. In all the eastern portion of Virginia there will be a good crop.

Rum is death—it levels all distinctions. An Alabamian with a brick in his hat, would as soon fraternize with a chimney-sweep as a foreign envoy.

The farmers in Iowa say it is almost impossible to sleep at night; in consequence of the raker made by the rapid growth of the corn.

In Panama, June 9th, the day was deemed the warmest known for years, and the thermometer stood at 94 degrees in the shade.

New York, Aug. 3.—The steamer Crescent City, with dates from Havana to the 29th ult., arrived at this port this afternoon.

Two new war steamers arrived at Havana on the 20th for the coast defence, making in all, eleven Spanish war vessels now on the station.

Sugars were inactive and lower. Molasses dull.

Coffee was scarce, and quiet quotations ranged from 9 to 9 1/2c.

MARRIED.

On the 4th of August, 1853, at the residence of Mrs. Anna Dunn, by Jas. H. Free, Esq., Mr. CONRAD RUMPLE, of Seneca county, and Miss ANNE AGNES DIXON, of Tymochtee township, Wyandot county, Ohio.

On Tuesday, August 9th, by Rev. A. Harriott, the Rev. E. B. Monahan, of Upper Sandusky, to Miss KATE FICKLE, of Lima, Allen County, Ohio.

COMMERCIAL.

Cincinnati Market. SATURDAY EVENING, Aug. 6. FLOUR.—There was a better demand for Flour to-day, with sales of 520, 400 and 140 bbls, at \$4.87; and 150 do. extra at \$4.10, and 100 do. new wheat, at \$4.65.

GRAIN.—In Grain we heard of no transaction. Wheat 75 @ 80c. Oats sell in the small way at 45c. Corn is salable at 55c.

PROVISIONS.—The only sale heard of to-day was 1,000 pieces common canvassed Hams at 10c. The market is steady and there is a good business doing in the retail way.

WHISKY.—Sales of 138 bbls, from Miami canal at 20c; 41 do from at 19 1/2c, 350 do from river at 20c, and 60 do from wagons at 20 1/2c, an advance, at which the demand is good and the market closed firm.

CHEESE.—Sale of 150 boxes at 7c, and 35 do at 7 1/2c.

OIL.—A sale of 25 bbls. No. 2 Lard Oil at 72c. No. 3 is worth 80c, with an increased firmness in the market.

SUGAR.—A sale of 40 hds, common to prime at 43 1/2c to 45c.

MOLASSES.—Sales of 35 bbls, prime at 25c, and 35 do inferior at 22c. The market continues dull.

COFFEE.—A sale of 65 bags good Rio at 10c, and 50 do at 9 1/2c.

HAY.—New Timothy, in bales, in worth 13 to \$14.

THE RIVER has fallen seven inches during the last 24 hours.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Primary Meetings. The Democracy of Wyandot county are requested to meet in their respective townships, at the usual places of holding elections thereof, on the 29th day of Aug. next, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to select by ballot candidates for the following offices, namely: Auditor, Treasurer, Sheriff, Clerk, Pros. Attorney, Coroner, and one commissioner to be chosen at the ensuing October election, and report the result of such meetings to convention to be held for that purpose at the court house, in Upper Sandusky, on the 27th of the same month, at 1 o'clock, P. M.; also to select in the same manner delegates to the Senatorial and Representative conventions.

Also delegates to the said Senatorial convention to nominate one candidate to represent the 31st Senatorial District at the State Board of Equalization.

Prospectus of the Wyandot Pioneer.

In view of the rapidly improving condition of the county of Wyandot and town of Upper Sandusky, and for other reasons not necessary to be mentioned, I have purchased a new press, type and other printing material for the enlargement of the PIONEER. It is my intention to attempt to get up a large and neat paper as any one printed in any of the adjoining counties, and in so doing, I shall have to look to the citizens of the county for the support necessary to its continuance. The liberality of the people will, therefore, determine the success and publication of the paper, and it will be expected that each man interested in the future growth and prosperity of Wyandot county will freely lend his aid in securing subscribers.

The PIONEER, in politics, will be Democratic and at the same time, claim nothing for itself that will not be extended to others. While the editor has his peculiar notions of political and other matters, he believes that other men have alike privileges to their opinions. Although I may publish a political paper, it must and will be free from all factions, and controlled alone by the editor. When I say this, it is not my intention to say that the advice of friends will not be received, for I shall, at all times be pleased to counsel with my friends upon all matters pertaining to the best interests of our county and the publication of the paper. If however, I might differ with others in opinion, that difference can alone be changed by a full conviction of my error.

The FARMER shall not be neglected, as a good portion of the Pioneer will be devoted to his interests. A gentleman of ability, has kindly consented to aid me in this department of the paper, and with his aid, I hope to be able to render the county subscribers good service.

The mechanic and laborer will always find the columns of this paper open for the defence of their rights and the advancement of their prosperity. In fact all classes will find our paper ready to vindicate every thing calculated to promote the greatest good to the greatest number.

With this exposition of what the Pioneer will be, I ask every gentleman, who can, to come up and subscribe, and get as many more as he can to do likewise. The prosperity of every town and country depends more or less upon the paper of the county; and that the paper may be what it ought to be, let it have a good living support.

Job Office.—The selection of job type in the Pioneer office being large, job work of every description will be neatly and expeditiously executed, at low prices.

The following rules and charges will in every particular be strictly observed, and it would therefore be well for subscribers to observe these rules:

Terms of Subscription. The paper will be published weekly, per year if paid in advance, at \$2.00. If not paid till the expiration of six months, \$2.50. If at the expiration of six months, \$3.00.

W. T. GILES, Upper Sandusky, June 20th, 1853.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

P. A. TYLER, OF MCUTCHEENVILLE, is a candidate for Representative; subject to the decision of a Democratic convention.

DANIEL HUFFMAN, OF MCUTCHEENVILLE, is a candidate for Sheriff; subject to the decision of a Democratic convention.

GEO. P. NELSON, OF CRANE TOWNSHIP, is a candidate for Sheriff; subject to the decision of a Democratic convention.

BENJAMIN WILLIAMS, OF PIERCE TOWNSHIP, is a candidate for Sheriff; subject to the decision of a Democratic convention.

J. V. S. HOYT, OF CRANE TOWNSHIP, is a candidate for Auditor; subject to the decision of a Democratic convention.

N. W. DENNISON, OF CRANE TOWNSHIP, is a candidate for Prosecuting Attorney; subject to the decision of a Democratic convention.

A. J. FAILOR, OF SALEM TOWNSHIP, is a candidate for Treasurer; subject to the decision of a Democratic convention.

W. W. BATES, OF CRANE TOWNSHIP, is a candidate for Treasurer of Wyandot county; subject to the decision of a Democratic convention.

WILLIAM M. CHESNEY, OF MARSHES TOWNSHIP, is a candidate for the Assembly; subject to the decision of the Democracy of the Representative district.

DANIEL STRAW, ESQ., OF MILLIN TOWNSHIP, is a candidate for Esquire; subject to the decision of the Democratic convention.

JOHN H. JUNKINS, OF THE township of Crane, is a candidate for Sheriff; subject to the decision of the Democratic convention.

O. TAYLOR, OF KENTON, Hardin county, is a candidate for Representative for the Counties of Wyandot and Hardin; subject to the decision of a Democratic convention.

MICHAEL BRACKLEY, OF MCUTCHEENVILLE, is a candidate for Senator, in the counties of Wyandot, Seneca and Crawford counties; subject to the decision of the Democratic convention.

ROBERT LEE, OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, is a candidate for Senator, for the district composed of Wyandot, Seneca and Crawford counties, subject to the decision of the District Convention.

JOHN WELCH, OF EDEN TOWNSHIP, is a candidate for County Clerk; subject to the decision of the Democracy of Wyandot county.

JAMES GRIFITH, OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, is a candidate for Senator; subject to the decision of a convention of the Democracy of the counties of Crawford, Seneca and Wyandot.

CURTIS BERRY, OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, is a candidate for County Clerk; subject to the decision of the Democracy of Wyandot county.

ROAD NOTICE.—A PETITION WILL be presented to the Commissioners of Wyandot county, Ohio, at their next session, asking for the establishment of a county road, commencing at the bar in front of John Holloway's house, in the road leading from Upper Sandusky to Little Sandusky, and running thence in an easterly direction on the old trail to the Mulderson ford, on the Sandusky river, thence on the most suitable route to the east line of a fraction in section 14, township 3, S. R. 14 E., owned by John Holloway, and thence north to the north line of said section fourteen.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been appointed and qualified as administrator on the estate of Benjamin Missione, deceased, who died in my office her accounts and vouchers for final settlement of said estate.

SAMUEL KINZLEY, Adm'r. July 26th, 1853. n14-4w-*

MRS. HEMANS, BYRON, SHAKESPEARE, Moore, Campbell, Shakspeare, and Elliott's Poetical Works, for sale, at the Book Store, opposite the Pierce House, July 26th n14

CONSTABLES' SALES AND BLANKS of all description for sale at the PIONEER OFFICE.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SMITH'S PRIMER PREMIUM DAGUERRETYPE. J. E. SMITH, WOULD RESPECTFULLY inform the citizens of Upper Sandusky and vicinity, that he has taken rooms at the Pierce House, for the purpose of engraving Daguerretype likenesses. Citizens and strangers who wish to obtain accurate, artistic and life-like miniature at a very moderate price, will find it to their interest to call on the above establishment, where entire satisfaction is guaranteed. Having a very superior light, with instruments of the most powerful kind, and having adopted the system of Daguerretype as now practiced by the celebrated Parisian artist, J. M. Smith, of New York, Mr. S. flatters himself to be able to offer to the patrons of the art, as style of Daguerretype either singly or in groups which has never been surpassed.

Rooms open and operating in all kinds of weather, from 8 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Engravings, painting, and likenesses of deceased persons, and of short portraiture, can be had by having inferior pictures can be had here taken at a trifling cost.

Please call and examine specimens, whether you want a Daguerretype or not.

J. E. SMITH, Artist. August 11th, 1853.—16-f

WHOLESALE CLOTHING STORE AT Tiffin, Ohio. W. HOBBS WOULD BEG LEAVE TO say to the merchants and others of Upper Sandusky and Wyandot county, that he has opened a store in Tiffin, for the sale of Ready-Made Clothing at WHOLESALE in addition to his retail trade, and would invite their attention to his stock, which is as large as any in Northern Ohio, comprising over Thirty Thousand Dollars worth, manufactured in Tiffin under his own supervision. Purchasers can rely upon his being better made than the Eastern or Cincinnati make, and more particularly adapted to this market.—Having every facility for making to order, and prepared to show that he can sell them at as low prices as it can be purchased in the east or elsewhere.

The usual credit will be given, or 5 per cent deduction for cash. n16-3m-*

TAX NOTICE.—THE AMOUNT OF TAX levied in Wyandot county for the year 1853, on each one hundred dollars valuation is as follows to wit:

TOWNSHIPS.	State.	County.	Local.	Total.
Swanton Twp.	51.11	24.75	7.15	83.01
Eden Twp.	51.11	24.75	7.15	83.01
Antioch Twp.	51.11	24.75	7.15	83.01
Pitt Twp.	51.11	24.75	7.15	83.01
Town of U. S.	51.11	24.75	7.15	83.01
Traverse Twp.	51.11	24.75	7.15	83.01
Tyngden Twp.	51.11	24.75	7.15	83.01
Crawford Twp.	51.11	24.75	7.15	83.01
Salmon Twp.	51.11	24.75	7.15	83.01
Millin Twp.	51.11	24.75	7.15	83.01
Marshall Twp.	51.11	24.75	7.15	83.01
Richland Twp.	51.11	24.75	7.15	83.01
Ridge Twp.	51.11	24.75	7.15	83.01

I will attend at the several places of holding elections in the respective townships, for the purpose of receiving taxes, on the following day to wit:

Eden Township.	September 24th.
Antioch	" 26th.
Pitt	" 27th.
Swanton	" 28th.
Salem	" October 1st.
Crawford	" 2nd.
Ridge	" 3rd.
Tyngden	" 4th.
Marshall	" 5th.
Jackson	" 6th.
Richland	" 7th.
Swanton	" 8th.
Crane	" 10th.

And during the months of October, November and to the 30th of December, at my office, in Upper Sandusky.

GEORGE HARPER, Treasurer Wyandot County, Ohio. August 8th, 1853. ang11-n16-5w

GUARDIAN'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE. Pursuant to the order of the court of common pleas, of Hardin county, Ohio, to me directed I shall offer for sale at the office of the clerk of the court of common pleas, in Kenton, Ohio, on Saturday, September 12th, A. D. 1853, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M. and 4 P. M. of that day the following described real estate subject to the dover of the subscriber therein, to-wit: The south half of the south east quarter of section 30, in township 3, south of range thirteen, also the north east fourth of the south west fourth of the said section township 3, south of range thirteen, containing 40 acres more or less; appraised at \$400. Also the undivided one-fifth part of the following real estate, situated in the county of Wyandot, State of Ohio, to-wit: A parcel of the west half of the south east quarter of section eight, township four, and range thirteen, containing thirty-eight acres; also the east half of the south east quarter of section eight, township four, and range thirteen, containing twenty-nine acres; also the north east quarter of the N. E. quarter of sec. 17, township 4, and range 13 containing 40 acres; also the south half of the south west quarter of section nine, township four and range thirteen containing eighty acres; said real estate to be sold subject to the dover estate of the subscriber, and subject to the payment of a mortgage of \$100,000, and thirty-two cents (29.32).

Terms of Sale.—One third down on the day of sale, the balance to be paid in three equal annual installments, deferred payments to be secured by mortgage on the premises.

MARY A. HURD, Guardian. Thompson & Gatch, Attys. August 10th, 1853. ang11-n16-4*

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY ORDER OF PROBATE COURT.—On the 10th day of September, A. D. 1853, at 2 o'clock, P. M. on the premises will be sold to the highest bidder the following described real estate, to-wit: The south half of the south east quarter of section 30, in township 3, south of range thirteen, also the north east fourth of the south west fourth of the said section township 3, south of range thirteen, containing 40 acres more or less; appraised at \$400. Also the undivided one-fifth part of the following real estate, situated in the county of Wyandot, State of Ohio, to-wit: A parcel of the west half of the south east quarter of section eight, township four, and range thirteen, containing thirty-eight acres; also the east half of the south east quarter of section eight, township four, and range thirteen, containing twenty-nine acres; also the north east quarter of the N. E. quarter of sec. 17, township 4, and range 13 containing 40 acres; also the south half of the south west quarter of section nine, township four and range thirteen containing eighty acres; said real estate to be sold subject to the dover estate of the subscriber, and subject to the payment of a mortgage of \$100,000, and thirty-two cents (29.32).

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